

# Module 2

Exponential Distribution  
and  
Normal Distribution

# Exponential distribution

## Definition

A random variable  $X$  is said to follow exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda$  if its **p.d.f.** probability density function is of the form

$$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, \quad x \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda \geq 0 \\ = 0, \quad \text{otherwise}$$

We denote exponential distribution  $X$  with parameter  $\lambda$  as  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$

Cumulative distribution function (**c.d.f.**)

$$F(X=x) = p(X \leq x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}, \quad x \geq 0$$

$$\text{Mean} = E(X)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$= \lambda \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= \lambda \{ x e^{-\lambda x} / (-\lambda) - e^{-\lambda x} \}$$

$$= 1 / \lambda$$

$$E(X^2)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx$$

$$= \lambda \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= 2 / \lambda^2$$

$$V(X)$$

$$= E(X^2) - \{E(X)\}^2$$

$$= 2 / \lambda^2 - 1 / \lambda^2$$

$$= 1 / \lambda^2$$

Exponential distribution is the only continuous distribution satisfying memoryless property.

## **Memoryless property**

Exponential distribution has remarkable property of forgetfulness. In other words it is immaterial when the event occurred last and how much later we start observing the events. it does not depend upon the past. It forgets what has happened previously and hence the property is referred to as memoryless property

If  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$  then  $p(X \geq s+t | X \geq s) = p(X \geq t)$

**Example :** The amount of time that a watch will run without having to be reset is a random variable having an exponential distribution with mean 120 days. Find the probability that such a watch will (i) have to be set in less than 24 days (ii) not have to reset in at least 180 days.

**Answer**

$$1/\lambda = 120 \text{ i.e. } \lambda = 1/120$$

$X$  = amount of time that a watch will run without reset

$$P(x < 24)$$

$$= \int_0^{24} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= \int_0^{24} (1/120) e^{-\lambda(1/120)} dx$$

$$= 1 - e^{-0.2}$$

$$= 0.1812$$

**Example :** Studies of a single-machine-tool system showed that the time , the machine operates before the breaking down is exponentially distributed with a mean 10 hrs

- (i) Find the probability that the machine operates for
  - (a) at least 12 hrs before the breaking down
  - (b) at least 14 hrs but fails before 20 hrs
- (ii) If the machine has already been operating 8hrs find the probability that it will last another 4 hrs
- (iii) If the machine has already been operating 6hrs find the probability that it will another 4 hrs

## Answer

Let  $X$  be life in hours of a machine

$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$

Mean  $= 1/\lambda = 10$  i.e.  $\lambda = 1/10$

$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda = 0.1)$

p.d.f. is  $f(x) = 0.1 e^{-0.1x}$ ,  $x \geq 0$   
 $= 0$ , o.w.

c.d.f is  $F(X=x) = p(X \leq x) = 1 - e^{-0.1x}$ ,  $0 \leq x$

so,  $p(X \geq x) = e^{-0.1x}$

(a)

$p(\text{the machine operates for at least 12 hrs before the breaking down})$

$= p(X \geq 12) = e^{-0.1(12)}$

$= 0.301194$



(b)

P(the machine operates for at least 14 hrs but fails before 20 hrs)

$$=p(14 \leq x \leq 20) = F(20) - F(14) = \{1 - e^{-0.1(20)}\} - \{1 - e^{-0.1(14)}\} \\ = 0.11126$$

(ii)

If the machine has already been operating 8 hrs the probability that it will last another 4 hrs

Using Memoryless property

$$\text{Required probability is } p(x > 12 / x > 8) = p(x > 4) \\ = e^{-0.1(4)} = 0.6703$$

(iii)

If the machine has already been operating 6hrs the probability that it will last another 4 hrs

Using Memoryless property

Required probability is  $p(x > 4+6/x > 6) = p(x > 4)$   
 $= e^{-0.1(4)} = 0.6703$

### Exercise 1:

The mileage which car owners get with a certain kind of radial tire is a random variable having an exponential distribution with mean 40,000 km.

Find the probability that one of these tires will last

- (i) at least 20,000 km
- (ii) At most 20,000 km

### Exercise 2:

The daily consumption of milk in excess of 20 klitres in a town is approximately exponentially distributed with parameter  $1/3000$ . The town has daily stock of 35 kL. Find the probability that of 2 days selected at random the stock is sufficient for both days.

### Exercise 3:

If  $X$  is exponentially distributed, prove that the prob that  $X$  exceeds its expected value is less than 0.5.

# Normal Distribution

## Definition .

A random variable  $X$  is said to have a normal distribution if its probability density function is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-m}{\sigma}\right)^2}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty,$$

where  $-\infty < m < \infty$  and  $0 < \sigma^2 < \infty$  are arbitrary parameters.

NOTE :

If  $X$  has a normal distribution with parameters  $m$  and  $\sigma$  then we write  $X \sim N(m, \sigma^2)$ .

$m$ -mean of distribution (also denoted as  $\mu$ )

$\sigma$  – standard deviation of distribution

Definition .

A normal random variable is said to be standard normal, if its mean is zero and variance is one.

We denote a standard normal random variable X by  $X \sim N(0, 1)$  OR  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$  OR S.N.V. Z

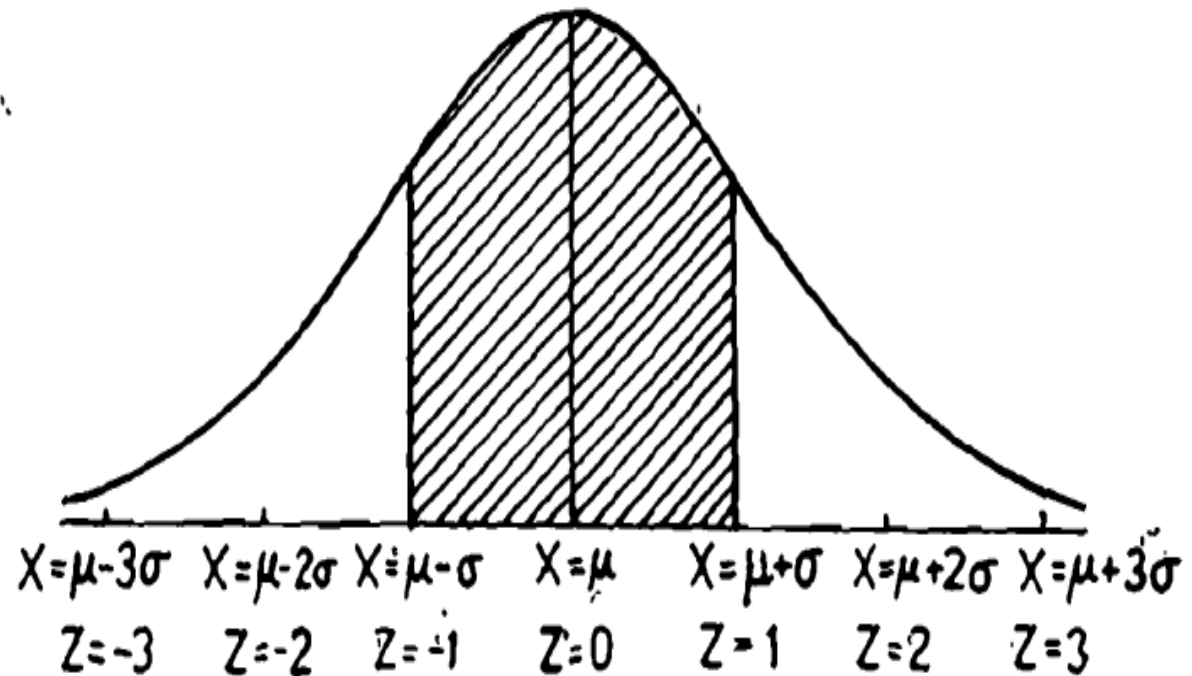
The probability density function of standard normal distribution is the following:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)}} e^{\frac{-1}{2}(x)^2}$$

OR

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)}} e^{\frac{-1}{2}(z)^2}$$

# Graph of normal distribution with parameters $\mu$ and $\sigma$





## Note :

(1) X is a discrete random variable

For any two integers a and b with  $a \leq b$ ,

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = \sum_{a \leq x \leq b} f(x)$$

(2) X is a continuous random variable

For any two numbers a and b with  $a \leq b$ ,

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(t) dt$$

(3) Z is standard normal random variable with

Mean=0 , S.D.=1 i.e.  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ .

$$P(a \leq z \leq b) = \int_a^b f(z) dz$$

=Area under curve  $f(z)$  above Z axis between line  $Z=a$  &  $z=b$

(4)

If  $X$  is a normal distribution with parameters  $m$  and  $\sigma$   
i.e.  $X \sim N(m, \sigma^2)$ .

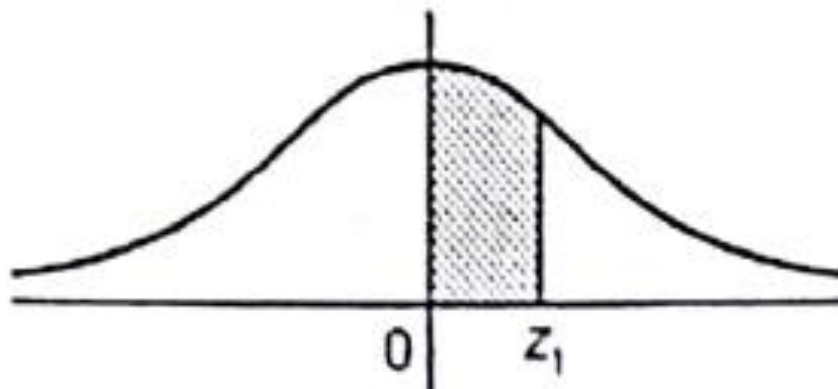
$$P(m \leq x \leq x_1)$$

$$= P\left(\frac{m-m}{\sigma} \leq \frac{x-m}{\sigma} \leq \frac{x_1-m}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$= P(0 \leq z \leq z_1)$$

$$= \int_0^{z_1} f(z) dz$$

= Area under curve  $f(z)$  above  $Z$  axis between line  $Z=0$  &  $z=z_1$



## Type- I : Example

If  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$

Find  $P(0 < z < 0.95)$ ,  $P(z > 0.95)$ ,  $P(z < -0.95)$ ,  
 $P(|Z| \leq 0.95)$

### Answer

$$P(0 < z < 0.95) = 0.3289$$

$$P(z < 0.95) = 0.5 + 0.3289$$

$$P(z > 0.95) = 0.5 - 0.3289$$

$$P(z < -0.95) = 0.5 - 0.3289$$

$$P(|Z| \leq 0.95) = 2(0.3289)$$

## Type- II :Example

what is the value of the constant c if

(i)  $p(0 < z < c) = 0.2291$

$$\therefore c = 0.61$$

(ii)  $p(z < c) = 0.7291 = 0.5 + 0.2291$

$$\therefore c = 0.61$$

(iii)  $p(z < c) = 0.2291$

$$\therefore c = -0.74$$

(iv)  $p(z > c) = 0.2291$

$$\therefore c = 0.74$$

### Type- III : Example

If  $X \sim N(3, 16)$ , then what is  $P(4 \leq X \leq 8)$ ?

Ans  $P(4 \leq X \leq 8)$

$$= P\left(\frac{4-3}{4} \leq \frac{x-3}{4} \leq \frac{8-3}{4}\right)$$

$$= P(1/4 \leq z \leq 5/4)$$

$$= P(Z \leq 1.25) - P(Z \leq 0.25)$$

$$= 0.3944 - 0.0987$$

$$= 0.2957$$

## Type- IV : Example

The marks obtained by students in a certain examination follow a normal distribution with a mean 70 and standard deviation 5. If 1000 students appeared at an examination. Calculate the number of students scoring more than 75 marks

R.V.  $X$  = marks obtained by students

$$\sigma = 5, m = 70$$

$$p(\text{student scoring more than 75 marks}) = p(x > 75)$$

$$= p\left(\frac{x-m}{\sigma} > \frac{75-70}{5}\right) = p(z > 1)$$

$$= 0.5 - 0.3413 = 0.1587$$

$$\text{The number of students scoring more than 75 marks} = 1000(0.1587) = 158.7 = (159)$$

## Type- V: Example

The monthly salary of a company XYZ were found to be normally distributed with mean Rs.3000 and S.D. Rs.250., What should be the minimum salary of the worker in a company XYZ so that the probability that he belongs to top 5%

$$\text{S.N.V. } Z = \frac{x-m}{\sigma} = \frac{x-3000}{250} = \frac{x-3000}{250}$$

We have to find value of  $z_1$  for a given probability 0.05

$$p(z > z_1) = 0.05$$

$$p(0 < z < z_1) = 0.5 - 0.05 = 0.45$$

$$z_1 = 1.64$$

$$\frac{x-3000}{250} = 1.64 \text{ So } x = 3000 + 250 (1.64) = \text{Rs } 3410$$

**Example IV &V:** The incomes of a group of 10,000 persons were found to be normally distributed with mean Rs.520 and S.D. Rs.60. Find i) the number of persons having incomes between Rs. 400 and Rs.550, ii) the lowest income of the richest 500.

$$\text{S.N.V. } Z = \frac{x-m}{\sigma} = \frac{x-520}{60}$$

$$\text{When } x=400 \quad z = \frac{400-520}{60} = -2$$

$$\text{When } x=550 \quad z = \frac{550-520}{60} = 0.5$$

$$P(400 \leq X \leq 550) = P(-2 \leq z \leq 0.5)$$

$$= \text{area}(\text{from } z=-2 \text{ to } z=0) + \text{area}(\text{from } z=0 \text{ to } z=0.5)$$

$$= 0.4772 + 0.1915 = 0.6687$$

the number of persons having incomes between Rs. 400 and Rs.550 =  $Np = 10000 * 0.6687 = 6687$



If we have to consider the richest 500 persons then the probability that a person selected at random is  $500/10000=0.05$

This is reverse problem We have to find value of  $z$  for a given probability

We have to find value of  $z$  to the right of which the area is 0.05

area(from  $z=0$  to  $z=\text{this value}$ )= $0.5-0.05=0.45$

The required value of  $z=1.645$

But  $z = \frac{x-520}{60}$  i.e.  $1.645 = \frac{x-520}{60}$

$x=520+1.645(60)=618.7$  Rs

the lowest income of the richest 500 is 618.7 Rs

**Type VI:Example** In a distribution exactly normal 7% are under 35 & 89% are under 63. Assuming a normal distribution, find the mean & standard deviation of the distribution ?

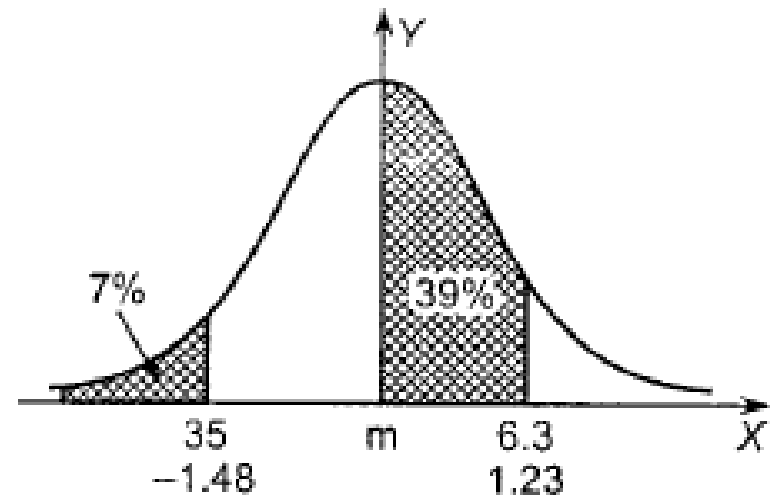
Answer Since 7% are under 35 ,  $50-7= 43\%$  items between 35 and m

Since 89% are under 63 ,  $89-50= 39\%$  items between m and 63

For area 0.43,  $z=1.48$  as  $35 < m$  ,  $z=-1.48$   
and for area 0.39 ,  $z=1.23$

$$1.48 = \frac{35-m}{\sigma} \quad \text{and} \quad 1.23 = \frac{63-m}{\sigma}$$

$$35-m = -1.48\sigma \quad \& \quad 63-m = 1.23\sigma$$
$$\sigma = 10.33 \quad \text{and} \quad m = 50.3$$



## NOTE

If  $X_1, X_2$  are independent normal variates with mean  $m_1$  &  $m_2$  and Variances  $\sigma_1^2$  &  $\sigma_2^2$  and  $Y=aX_1-bX_2$  then  $Y$  is also normal variate with mean  $am_1-bm_2$  and variance  $a^2\sigma_1^2 + b^2\sigma_2^2$

**Type VII:Example** If  $X_1, X_2$  are independent normal variates with mean 30 & 25 and variances 16 & 12 respectively and  $Y=3X_1-2X_2$  Find  $p(60<Y<80)$

**Answer**

$X_1, X_2$  are independent normal variates with mean 30 & 25 and variances 16 & 12  $Y=3X_1-2X_2$

then  $Y$  is also normal variate with

Mean =  $am_1-bm_2 = 3(30)-2(25) = 40$  and

Variance =  $a^2\sigma_1^2 + b^2\sigma_2^2 = (3)^2(16) + (-2)^2(12) = 192$

$p(60<Y<80)$

$$= p\left(\frac{60-40}{\sqrt{192}} < \frac{Y-m}{\sigma} < \frac{80-40}{\sqrt{192}}\right)$$

$$= P(1.44 < Z < 2.89)$$

$$= 0.4981 - 0.4251 = 0.0730$$

Exercise : In an examination marks obtained by students in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry are normally distributed with means 51, 53 and 46 with standard deviation 15, 12, 16 respectively. Find the probability of securing total marks (i) 180 Or above, (ii) 90 or below